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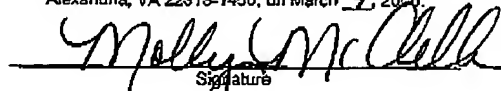
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of: LECKRONE et al.  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING INTRA-PERICARDIAL ACCESS  
Serial No.: 10/606,909  
Filed: 06/26/2003  
Docket No.: P8030.03

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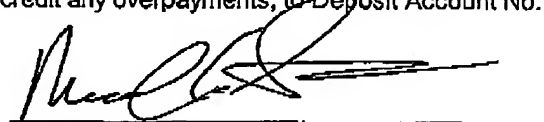


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